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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Filed: 06 May 1998 )  
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For: METHODS FOR *IN VITRO* )  
PROLIFERATION OF )  
DENDRITIC CELL )  
PRECURSORS AND THEIR )  
USE TO PRODUCE )  
IMMUNOGENS )  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND**  
**PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.143**

This Response is submitted in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated 12 March 2002,  
for which a response is due on or before 12 April 2002.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement dated 12  
March 2002 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

Claims 82, 84-103 are pending in the application. A copy of the pending claims are  
submitted herewith as Appendix A for the Examiner's convenience.

The Examiner restricted the invention eight ways as follows: